

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. In Fig. 1, the reference numeral 20 has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

The office action of August 29, 2007, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p) (5).

The application is objected to for not containing a proper Abstract of the Disclosure and section headings.

Claims 1, 3 and 5-10 are objected to for containing various informalities.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-4 and 6-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Weyer et al.

Claims 5 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Weyer et al.

In connection with the Examiner's objections to the application, applicant has canceled the original abstract, attached hereto a new Abstract of the Disclosure and has amended the specification to include section headings.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objections to the application are overcome and should be withdrawn.

Relative to the objections to the drawings, applicant has amended the specification to include the reference numeral 28, and attached hereto a replacement sheet of drawings in which Fig. 1 has been amended to include the reference numeral 20.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objections to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5) are overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the Examiner's objection to and rejections of the claims, applicant has amended claims 1, 3 and 5-10.

Applicant has amended the claims to correct the informalities pointed out by the Examiner. Thus, it is respectfully submitted

that the objection to claims 1, 3 and 5-10 as containing informalities is overcome and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness pointed out by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims, applicant has amended claims 1-2.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently on file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the methods and constructions disclosed in the reference.

Turning now to the reference, it can be seen that the patent to Weyer et al. discloses a method for adjusting a continuous

casting installation roll segment. Weyer et al. do not disclose or suggest installing the roller segments in the hot bar zone and the soft reduction zone and operating the roller segments by an automatic segment control system and a basic automation system so that the method is applied to roller segments of continuous bloom and billet casting machines, as in the presently claimed invention. The roller segments of Weyer et al. are installed in the cold bar zone, they are not installed as in the presently claimed invention.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and the rejection of claims 5 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 1-3(a) over the above-discussed reference are overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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